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Vice principal Mae Senick shows off the new all-purpose room at Chris Hadfield Public School.



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Minor construction clean-up continued but the kids were able to attend.

First day of school!

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

"It's wonderful! It's exciting!"

After more than a month of construction delays, students at Chris Hadfield Public School came back from winter break to start the

second half of the school year in their new two-storey school on West Park Avenue in Bradford.

"It's really exciting," said vice principal Mae Senick on the first day of classes at the new facility, Jan. 4. Students were "touring around the school, going into each

of the rooms, seeing what it's all about, the new spaces they have to use."

Those new spaces include a full-sized gym, an all-purpose room, community kitchen, break-out rooms where students can work together on projects, and a new library, "with

wonderful, big, huge windows - all this natural light."

While waiting for construction to be completed, students were housed in the old Bradford Public School on Church St. - a tiny school that once included classes from Junior Kindergarten,

to Grade 3 only. Rooms and gym were all scaled to the primary students.

A total of 567 students were housed in the temporary quarters at Bradford Public - requiring 11 portables on the school site, and another two portables at nearby Fred C. Cook Public

School.

Now all of the students are housed under one roof. One of the most memorable moments on Jan. 47 "The Grade 8s going up to their classrooms - cheering as they went up the stairs," said Senick. "Everyone is so happy!"

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Festive RIDE program wraps up

The Festive RIDE program, which kicked off on Nov. 25, continued until Jan. 3, with police cracking down on motorists who had been drinking and driving.

A total of 8,271 vehicles were stopped during the campaign, and 340 roadside screening tests were administered. 32 drivers received three-day license suspensions for registering a WARN; one driver was suspended for seven days, because it was his second WARN reading.

Six novice drivers were suspended for 24 hours for having a blood alcohol concentration above 0, as required by law.

Twelve drivers were charged with Over .080, 17 drug charges were laid under the Controlled Drugs and Substances

Act, and five charges were laid for open liquor in the vehicle. Another five drivers were charged for Drive Under Suspension, and 31 other Highway Traffic Act charges were laid.

One driver was charged with the criminal offence of Drive Disqualified.

In one case, drug charges were laid, on Jan. 2, after a vehicle attempted to evade a RIDE spot check on 25 Sideroad, at Line 10 of Innisfil. The driver, when stopped, was found to be in possession of marijuana.

The stats were in part an improvement over the 2014 numbers. Last year's Festive RIDE program administered 206 roadside screening tests, but issued 39 WARN-

range suspensions, and charged 13 drivers with Impaired/Over .080. This year's numbers represented a 7% decline in the number of impaired-related charges, and nearly 18% decrease in suspensions, despite an increase in the number of roadside screening tests administered.

Drug charges were up, though, by 46%.

Traffic Constable Steve Black noted, "We're disappointed. We still have people drinking and driving. People know we're out there, and still they gamble and drive when they shouldn't."

In York Region, police reported laying more than 1,800 criminal charges for impaired-related offences in 2015, a 6% increase over 2014.

SIU called in

At about 5 a.m. on Jan. 2, South Simcoe Police were called to the overpass at County Rd. 88 and Hwy. 400, for a report of a male in crisis.

South Simcoe Police, assisted by OPP and York Regional Police, located the individual and made contact. During the interaction, the 35-year-old man sustained non-life-threatening injuries, and was transported to a local hospital.

The province's Special Investigations Unit was called in to investigate, as it does whenever there is a death, injury or sexual assault claim resulting from an interaction

with a police service.

A spokesperson with the SIU would only confirm that three police services were involved, and that investigation was ongoing.

"As for the length of the investigation, every investigation is different and it is not possible to determine a fixed timeline for any investigation. Evidence analysis, interviews and external reports from the coroner or the Centre of Forensic Sciences are some of the factors that can influence the amount of time needed to complete an investigation," said spokesperson Jason Gemmro.

Crime Stoppers flag-raising

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will proclaim January as Crime Stoppers Month in the municipality, and raise the Crime Stoppers flag on Monday, Jan. 11 at the

Treasury Building on Holland St. East, at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend this salute to a grassroots collaboration between police, press and the public, to fight crime in the community.

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By: Roch Beaulieu C.F.P.

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- 1 cup cabbage, chopped
- 1 cup diced potatoes
- 1 cup sliced carrots
- 1-28oz. can tomatoes
- 6 cups water or, 4 cups water and 2 cups tomato juice
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce [reg. or G/F]
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 2 Bay Leaves

After 1 hour, add 1 can kidney beans or 1 can Pork and Beans

½ cup macaroni

Cook for 30 minutes longer.

Makes a large amount and freezes well.

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Special meeting of council focuses on heritage

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

At a special meeting of Bradford West Gwillimbury council, councillors reaffirmed the mandate of the BWG Heritage Committee, supported its goal of better communicating with the public on heritage issues, and asked that future requests from property owners to have a property removed from the Heritage Registry be referred to the committee for a report and recommendation to council.

But council also declined to reconsider the delisting of any of the 32 properties dropped from the registry, at its Nov. 17 meeting. Some of the properties were initially listed in error, the Heritage Committee agreed - but others were delisted at the request of the property owners, despite obvious heritage attributes, and some councillors criticized the listing process.

As a result, the Heritage Committee asked for an opportunity to explain the Ontario Heritage Act and Heritage Registry to council, and asked councillors to clarify the mandate of the committee, moving forward.

In front of a crowded Council Chamber on Jan. 5, Chair Lynda Usher and three committee members described the Ontario Heritage Act, which provides "the framework within which a municipality can act to preserve properties of heritage and cultural significance," said member Ian Cooper.

Cooper pointed out that the Heritage Registry is a "municipal planning tool," used to identify properties of potential heritage, historical or cultural importance, that provides

temporary protection from demolition for a period of 60 days. It is not designation, nor does listing on the registry mean a property will be designated a heritage site that, he said, is another process and a decision of council.

"Unfortunately, the province used 'Registry' instead of a simpler word, like 'list' or 'inventory,'" Cooper said, noting that the registry is supposed to be a fluid document, reviewed and altered as properties and cultural priorities change. As for claims that listing without a property owner's permission is an infringement of the rights of the owner, he pointed out that municipalities place limits on property rights all the time - from bylaws and property standards to expropriation - for the "benefit of the community."

Some municipalities notify homeowners when their properties are listed; others do not. And to only list a property on the registry with the permission of an owner "is contrary to the spirit of the Heritage Act," he suggested. Only the City of Barrie has a "voluntary" registry.

Member Diane Miles added, "We are seeking direction from council. We respectfully ask that our mandate be clarified," as the committee makes informed recommendations to council on heritage, "not just for the here and now but for generations to come."

"We're basically asking council about the future," agreed Usher. "We look forward to shared dialogue."

Mayor Rob Keffer praised the committee. "You're a very important part of the council process. You are put in place to advise the council, to be our eyes." Councillor Ron Orr, who sits on the

committee, pointed out that during the municipal election campaign, Heritage preservation and seniors housing were identified as priorities by residents. He noted that the Heritage Committee "did what they were asked to do."

"Everybody around this table recognizes the importance of heritage," said Councillor Mark Contois, but he suggested that the committee should have approached homeowners before adding their properties to the registry. "That would have been the proper way to do that... Let's approach the residents and try to get them to co-operate without resistance, that's all I'm saying."

The Heritage Committee's Registry included over 400 properties, using age of construction as the criteria. The registry, compiled by the previous committee, was intended to include all properties built before the Second World War, errors occurred because members could not trespass on private property, but carried out visual evaluations from the road.

"It is a working document. It's going to take our term and more," to refine and improve the list so that it reflects the heritage of the community, said Usher. "We have to start somewhere."

She noted that the town sent out a letter. In the spirit of transparency, to

all property owners on the registry, but suggested the package sent out was confusing. "There might have been too much information. People thought the properties were being designated, and they were not."

Councillor Gary Baynes said that the registry was "the first step (in the designation process), but a heck of a lot of homes don't go beyond step one... To me, we have a communication issue. We should have set out the criteria for listing."

He was reminded that the criteria was set as "anything pre-Second World War." Said Mayor Keffer, "I don't think that was communicated very well, and I'll take some of the blame for that... Unfortunately, the way the letter went out, it didn't convey it was such a broad brush, and then refinements would be carried out." But Deputy Mayor James Leduc took a more aggressive approach. "I'm not sure why we're here tonight," Leduc said, noting that council was presented with a Heritage Registry of 425 properties. "We took 31 homes off that list, and that upset you. We're here because you're upset," he told the committee. "You have a mandate. Get out there and do the job."

The Deputy Mayor claimed "this council has been very proactive in Heritage," designating both the old

Bradford High School and a property at 108 Moore St. as Heritage Sites. "It's our elected job to make decisions," Leduc told the committee. "You did a fine job and did a great job... You've done your job. You've got your mandate."

As for the 31 properties removed from the registry, he claimed they were considered because they objected "right from the beginning... Are some heritage? Absolutely. We absolutely know they're heritage. They're not going anywhere."

He would not consider re-listing, but told the committee, "I'm more than happy to work with you people."

When it was pointed out that the town has received six more requests to remove properties from the registry, the committee was asked to review the requests and make recommendations to council, although the volunteers have no power to come on private land to assess a building.

Leduc suggested owners be told that if they refused to allow the assessment, "you stay on the list."

Councillor Baynes concluded, "There's no rewind button... I think there should have been consultation before the list of 400. There should have been consultation before the 31 (properties were removed). We've both got lessons learned."

Certificate of appreciation



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The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury presented certificates of thanks to volunteer Darlene Braybrook and her team of Holy Trinity High School students for their work in decorating downtown Bradford. Braybrook and her team were responsible for the harvest cornstalk decorations, tied to lamp posts, and the decorative Christmas barrels, filled with greenery and ribbons, that brightened the downtown.

Christmas Tree Collection



Consult your 2016 Waste Management Calendar, or the waste collection calendar tool at simcoe.ca to determine your Christmas tree collection weeks.

- Christmas trees must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of your collection week
- Collection will occur during the week; not necessarily on your garbage day
- Remove plastic tree bags, decorations, and stands
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Point of View

Keeping promises

It's refreshing to have a federal government that lives up to its promises.

It's true that the government has not met the target of 10,000 Syrian refugees brought to the country by the end of the year, but the intention is clear – and if circumstances have meant delays, whether due to security reasons, logistics, or weather, that doesn't change the commitment to accept a large number of refugees displaced by war and terrorism.

There has been action, in place of reluctant promises and foot-dragging.

On Jan. 5, the government of Justin Trudeau announced the first step in another commitment: the launch of an online survey, that will set the parameters for a National Inquiry on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

We're not sure why the Harper government was so adamantly opposed to a national inquiry. We know that the Conservative government stated that enough studies had already been carried out, and that it was creating an Action Plan to address the issue of family violence in aboriginal populations.

In fact, the Conservative government set aside only \$25 million, between 2010 and 2015, to

support 41 First Nations shelters for abused women and their children, and family violence prevention projects. In 2014, as the demand for a National Inquiry into what could be described as a national disgrace was gaining support from provincial leaders, women's groups and First Nations, the Conservatives announced an increase in funding to nearly \$200 million for the period from 2015 to 2017.

The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls will be seeking input from survivors, family members, loved ones and front line service providers. The pre-inquiry online survey is asking for input, into who will most appropriately conduct the inquiry, its time frame, and the issues that should be considered.

And that's significant. It's not really possible to look at issues of domestic violence and violence against women, without also looking at poverty, living conditions, educational opportunities, connections to the overall population, the legacy of the residential schools, and any potential or perceived bias in law enforcement.

Because while Indigenous women make up only 4% of the female population in Canada, they make up 16% of all murder victims.

Christmas crafts at Holland Square Dental



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Holland Square Dental, 478 Holland St. West, held its first-ever Christmas Craft session for Kids, Dec. 22 - free, with a donation to the Helping Hand Food Bank. Among those dropping in was Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer, wishing staff and visitors a Merry Christmas. Seasons Greetings from Dr. Fayrouz Deir, Dr. Bernie Kafka, Manager Denise Cassi, Charlene Maurice - Admin., Brittany Connors - Assistant, Tisha Isabelle - Hygienist, Shelby Purdy - Admin., and Danielle Muizlaar, Assistant, at Holland Square Dental.

Letters to the Editor

DEMANDING TRANSPARENCY

To the editor: On Dec. 17, the OPP criminally charged two former staff members of the Premier's Office for their part in the 'Gas Plants Scandal'. In a politically-motivated attempt to win more seats in the 2011 provincial election, the Liberals decided to cancel two contentious gas-fired power plant projects. That decision cost Ontarians \$1.1 billion. The Progressive Conservative Official Opposition has been warning since 2012 to get to the bottom of this scandal.

I congratulate the OPP on their thorough investigations that have led to these serious charges of breach of trust, mischief in relation to data, and misuse of a computer system to commit the offence of mischief. This government is accused of illegal activity at the highest level.

The people of Ontario expect accountable leadership, not OPP investigations. Many Ontarians want the Liberal Party to pay back the billion taxpayer dollars wasted. Along with the charges laid in the Sudbury bribery scandal, these charges make it clear that this government will do almost anything for power.

As the former privacy commissioner said, 'In this day and age, ignorance is no excuse. Transparency of government activities reflected in their records is essential to freedom and liberty.'

I agree wholeheartedly.

JULIA MUNRO
MPP FOR YORK-SIMCOE

MINISTRY RESPONSES

To the editor: Re 'Wynne won't let facts deter costly pension.'

I welcome debate on the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan (ORPP) but it is necessary to address a recent (online) article.

We know that many people are not able

to save enough for retirement. This has the potential to create serious long-term economic challenges, and why our government is taking leadership with the ORPP.

The ORPP is a savings vehicle that will improve Ontarians' retirement security, and our economy. The Conference Board analysis shows that over the long term, the ORPP would add billions to the Ontario economy by providing future retirees with more savings for retirement. Specifically, real disposable income will be \$19.4 billion higher, and real GDP will increase by \$9.6 billion over the long term under the ORPP.

The short term impact is modest, and is offset by expected reductions in Employment Insurance (EI) and Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB) premiums.

The Conference Board analysis also demonstrates that the ORPP is a cost-effective means of helping individuals save, through shared market risks and lower management fees.

It's important to remember that the ORPP was developed in consultation with employers. To help businesses adjust, we're phasing in contributions and enrolling in stages – small businesses won't be required to contribute the full ORPP rate until 2021; a full enrolment schedule is available at ontario.ca/ORPP.

In addition to the expected EI and WSIB premium reductions, ORPP contributions will be tax deductible, further mitigating costs to employers.

As workplace pension plans become increasingly scarce, the ORPP will create a retirement income savings floor that people can rely on. After a lifetime of working hard and contributing to the economy, we believe Ontarians deserve a secure retirement.

MITZIE HUNTER
ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF
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At the Danube Seniors Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Road in Bradford, hosted its annual President's Levee on Jan. 1 – an opportunity for members and guests to attend a social afternoon with free refreshments and treats, and wish each other a Happy New Year!

Coming up: a free seniors' health seminar will take place Thursday, Jan. 14, from 11 a.m. to noon at the centre. Jeremy Bertrand, senior program advisor specialist with the Ministry of Finance, presents "Get Your Money" – understanding Ontario's

Tax Credits and Benefits for Individuals and Families. Are you and your family members receiving all of the Ontario Tax Benefits to which you are entitled? Do you know about government programs and resources available to assist all Ontarians, including seniors, parents, and people with disabilities? Come and learn more. All welcome. The seminar will be followed by a hot lunch – only \$6 for members of the Danube Sr. Centre, \$7 for non-members. For more information, contact 905-775-0612.

Birthday Lunch –

Thursday, Jan. 21 at 11:30 a.m. Enjoy roast loin of pork with gravy, potatoes, vegetables, dessert, coffee or tea, only \$8 for members, \$9 non-members. Tickets at the door.

Summer in January. On Saturday, Jan. 23. Doors open at noon. Cost is \$10 per person, for a great "summer" luncheon that will bring back memories of July, and help fight the winter blahs. Wear your shorts and sunglasses – but no Speedos, please. Entertainment by the members. Tickets are available at the centre, 905-775-0612.



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Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer wishes Danube Seniors Leisure Centre president Elaine Love a Happy New Year, at the President's Levee, held at the centre on Friday, Jan. 1.

New Year's at the legion

New Year's Eve at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St., featured a roast beef dinner and great entertainment by The Newfie Chicks, who provided an evening of great music despite a tragedy in the family. Entertainer Josie Wilkinson passed away on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at the age of 64 – but made her sisters and daughter promise to carry on, and play at the New Year's Eve bash.

It was a foot-stomping good time, with music that had party-goers crowding the dance floor. And in

true Newfie tradition, the Mummies arrived midway through the evening, to join the dancers.

On Jan. 1, legion members and guests came out for the annual President's Levee – a social afternoon to welcome the New Year. Among the guests greeted by legion president Ruth Brooks and her executive, were MP for York Simcoe Peter Van Loan, Mayor Rob Keffer, Deputy Mayor James Leduc, Councillor Gary Baynes, and former Deputy Mayor Dennis Roughley.

Friday Night Social

Time. Every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford, enjoy dinner for a moderate fee, followed by music and camaraderie. The public is welcome to attend. No cover charge. For information, call the legion at 905-775-5025. This Friday, Jan. 8 – karaoke with Bob Serran, at 8 p.m. Bradford Legion hosts the **third annual Frank Lotto Darts Tournament** on Saturday, Jan. 23. Registration begins at 10 a.m., only \$15 per person. Drop by the legion for more information.

The legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a legion member to ask for assistance. Contact veteran services officer Ron Harmer at 705-775-4913.

Pub night! The third Friday of every month is Pub Night at the Legion, from 8 p.m. to midnight. For more information on events, programs and membership, in the legion or the Ladies Auxiliary, call Branch 521 at 905-775-5025.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Veteran Berg Hogg, left, and friend Sam Neilly at the President's Levee.

Effective communication and PowerPoint presentation training

Bradford – The organization Human Endeavour, in collaboration with BradfordWORKS and other partners, is offering a FREE 2-day training session on Effective Communication Skills and Developing Professional

PowerPoint. Bradford residents can sign up for training that will provide the necessary skills to effectively present themselves, their ideas or their businesses in today's marketplace. In today's business environment, effective communication and presentation play a key role in delivering a focussed message, obtaining a job, ensuring a winning product

and persuading potential customers. The 2-day course will provide information through instruction, interactive discussions and hands-on training, leading to the development of PowerPoint presentations on the computer.

Instructor Nor Din, Founder and CEO of Human Endeavour, holds a Master's Degree in Computer

Engineering from the University of Toronto, and is a recognized leader in the non-profit sector.

Training will take place at BradfordWORKS Community Employment Services, 95 Holland St. West, Unit 105 in Bradford, January 12 and 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. Free, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Contact

BradfordWORKS at 905-778-9058 or email martha@contactoutsimcoe.ca

Learn about Taolist Tai Chi

The Bond Head Women's Institute is hosting an information session on Taolist Tai Chi, with a qualified instructor from the Newmarket Tai Chi

Centre. Come and learn more about Taolist Tai Chi and its health-improving qualities, on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m., in the activity room at 200 Holland Court (beside the BWG Family Health Centre). Refreshments will be served.

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole

- Tues. Jan 19 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W., Zima Rm

Board/Committee

Heritage Committee

- Mon. Jan 11 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Engineering Services, 305 Barrie St. Boardroom

Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee

- Thurs. Jan 14 @ 6:30 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W. Boardroom

Proclamation

January 2016 – Crime Stoppers Month

A Flag raising will take place on Monday, January 11 at 1:00 p.m. in front of the BWG Courthouse at 57 Holland St. E.

NOTICES



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Levee celebrating
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West Gwillimbury

Sunday, January 10, 2016

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- Two Town Council Representatives
- One active local land developer who operates within the municipal boundary
- One representative from the Bradford West Gwillimbury Board of Trade
- One current industrial park tenant
- Two current or retired small business owners

If you are interested in applying for one of the above, please find further information and application instructions for these positions on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the Council & Committees section, or at the Town's Administrative office as listed below.

Application Deadline: Monday, January 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Legislative Services
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Administration Office:

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Bradford

NOTICES

Notice of Complete Applications

Pursuant to Sections 22(6.1) and 34(10.4) of the
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P13, as amended

Take notice that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has received the following applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment:

Owner: Zahra Yazdanpanahi
Applicant: Caprinov Developments
Agent: exp Services Inc. c/o Alex Kolsteren
Location: 2699 Sideroad 10
File Nos.: D09-15-01 and D14-15-10

The applicant is seeking to redesignate the subject lands from Low Density Residential to a maximum density of 47 units per net developable hectare and to rezone the lands to permit the development of 12 townhouse condominium dwelling units. In accordance with the Town's Official Plan, a density exceeding 40 units per net developable hectare up to 75 units per net developable hectare is classified as High Density Residential. A key map showing the location of the lands is attached.

Detailed information regarding the applications may be made available for public inspection by contacting Caroline Murphy, Planner, at (905) 775-5369 x 1402 or cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

Prior to Council making a determination respecting the above-noted applications, there will be at least one Public Meeting to give the public an opportunity to make representation. The date of the Public Meeting has not yet been determined. Notice of the Public Meeting will be given at least 20 days before the meeting is held, by way of notice in this newspaper and in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted or before the proposed Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted or before the proposed Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Office of Community Planning, telephone (905) 775-5369 x 1402, facsimile (905) 778-4343 or e-mail at cmurphy@townofbwg.com.

Dated at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury this 7th day of January, 2016.

Rebecca Murphy, Clerk



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Family First Night celebrations in Bradford

MIRIAM KING

Bradford Times

2015 is in the record books.

Internationally, it was a year marked by horrors – the attacks by IS terrorists in Europe, the ongoing Syrian tragedy that has displaced millions and led to untold suffering, flooding linked to global climate change.

But there were also positives: a new Canadian government that has expedited the country's response to the Syrian refugee crisis, an international conference that hammered out at least the framework for an international response to climate change.

It was in that spirit of hope and renewal, and pure celebration, that over 1,000 people turned out for the Family First Night party at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre, to welcome 2016.

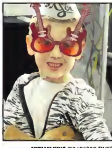
There was free family skating on both rinks, and family swimming in the pools at the Lions Aquatics Centre, while the gym was filled with bouncy castles, inflatable obstacle courses for all ages, games and live entertainment.

Families were invited to



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Juggler Scott Free balances a spinning plate at the Family First Night Celebration.



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Steven, 6, dresses up for his photo, at the free photo booth during the Family First Night Celebration.



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David Cavan Fraser and Special K perform at the Family First Night Celebration in Bradford.



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MP for York-Simcoe, Peter Van Loan and son John were among the participants at the Family First Night event at the Leisure Centre in Bradford.



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Skaters of all ages enjoyed the free skating at the Family First Night celebrations.

pick their favourite outrageous hats, sunglasses and costumes, and pose for photos at the free photo booth, or line up for airbrush tattoos, as David Cavan Fraser and Special K entertained in the lobby.

And at 8:30 p.m., the music moved outdoors, to 'Sunshine Square', as the crowd enjoyed free hot chocolate and waited for the countdown to a fireworks show that lit up the night, welcoming 2016.



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From left, Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillor Peter Dykic Jr., Mayor Rob Keffer, Councillors Gary Baynes and Ron Orr, Deputy Mayor James Leduc and Councillor Raj Sandhu at the Leisure Centre for New Year's Eve celebrations in Bradford.

Iglesia Hispana de Bradford celebrates



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Iglesia Hispana de Bradford, Bradford's Spanish language church, meets at the Bradford Alliance Church, 758 Simcoe Road – and on Dec. 19, hosted a Christmas dinner and potluck for church members. Darlene Garcia and her mom, Esther Garcia, serve up rice, salad, chicken and turkey. For more information see www.iglesiahispanadebradford.com.

Sharing Christmas

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF

It took two days, for volunteers with the Helping Hand Food Bank to prepare over 160 Christmas hampers, each with a turkey or ham, for those facing financial constraints this holiday season.

The boxes, designed for individuals or families, included not only non-perishable food items, but also milk, eggs, margarine, and fresh vegetables, purchased with cash donations from local residents and businesses, at or near cost from Zehrs Market, Conroy's No Frills, or the Ontario Food Terminal.

"Every year, we try to make it a little different," said Pearl Astoroff – adding cookies, candies and other treats, for a festive touch. Every hamper also



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Volunteers with the Helping Hand Food Bank prepare 160 Christmas Hampers, at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church in Bradford on Dec. 22.

included a week's groceries.

The boxes were put together in the Parish Hall at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church. On the other side of the room, donated toys were sorted by the CWL, according to family and age – filling wish lists. Families were adopted by Home

Room classes at Bradford District and Holy Trinity Catholic high schools, several elementary schools, and by individuals in the community.

And on the evening of Dec. 22, hampers and toys were handed out, to help share the Christmas cheer.

A Christmas market in Bradford

BRADFORD TIMES STAFF
The Bradford Farmers' Christmas Market was a combination of an Artisans' Fair and a Farmers' Market, at the Bradford Public Library, Saturday – offering shoppers an opportunity to purchase fresh produce, home-made jams and preserves, baked goods and Christmas gifts.

Produce available included potatoes, carrots, onions and other root vegetables, lettuce, kale, and hot peppers grown locally and in the Holland Marsh. But at this time of year, there were also a few items brought in from farther afield.

Rob Radcliffe of Lakeview Gardens garden centre admitted that he did not have the home-grown produce he had hoped, from his greenhouses in Lefroy – and even ran out of Lakeview's famous English cucumbers.

The problem: despite the mild weather, short days were an issue. "You can't fight Mother Nature," Radcliffe said.

The Market was an opportunity to pick up poinsettias and wreaths from Mid Valley Gardens, pure



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Pierrette Grondin and crafts, at the Bradford Farmers' Christmas Market, at the BWG Public Library on Saturday.

Pennville honey, the Maple Syrup products of Everything Maple & More, cheeses and Homestead eggs, festive cookies from Sweet Handmade, and buttertarts – including Eggnog and Gingerbread flavours – from Sweet Annabella's.

Laura Vree of Sweet Handmade noted that the two indoor markets, held after the outdoor Farmers' Market closed in October, were such a success that the Market has booked four dates in the Zima Room next year, between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Soup's On, at Wishing Well Sanctuary

Wishing Well Sanctuary, located at 2710 – Line 10 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, has provided shelter and a new home for a "family" of farm animals, rescued from poor living conditions or the slaughterhouse.

Now, the sanctuary has a wish of its own – to raise the money to pay for its well, a \$20,000 expense that hit the shelter just before the holiday season.

Wishing Well Sanctuary is hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, Jan. 17. Soup's On! invites supporters to come out and sample three vegan soups or enjoy a meal-sized serving of soup for \$5, veggie dogs for \$5, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and treats for \$3, around an open bonfire, starting at 11:30 a.m. And at 2 p.m., visitors will get to meet the animal family at Wishing Well.

Be green – bring a mug and spoon, to Soup's On!

Join Scanlon's Kilowatt Club

Bradford – Join the Kilowatt Club, and discover a solution to the rising cost of hydro.

The Friends of Scanlon Creek's Kilowatt Club is hosting an open house. Come out to Scanlon Creek Conservation Area on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., to learn more about your electricity bill, and how to reduce your energy consumption and save money each month.

The Kilowatt Club, founded by local resident Jim Maslin, will cover topics that include energy saving incentives, solar and wind

power, and what you can do to help reverse the effects of climate change. Meet with like-minded people, and perhaps win prizes for reducing your energy consumption. Membership fees collected by the club will help bring solar power to Scanlon.

The open house takes place at the Nature Centre at Scanlon, at 2450 – Line 9 in Bradford West Gwillimbury. Free with park entry fee or annual pass. For more information, email friends@scanlon@gmail.com

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Holy Trinity's Dream Team at the GBSSAs

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Holy Trinity Catholic High School had a strong showing at the GBSSA Swimming Regionals - with the Junior Boys team leading the way.

The Georgian Bay Secondary School

Association Regionals were held in Toronto, Dec. 8.

In the Boys 15 & Under 50M Backstroke, Holy Trinity swimmers swept the top four placings - with Diego Carvalho finishing first, Stefan Fernandes-Ribeiro 2nd, John Kurt Andreacchi 3rd, and Michael Prince in 4th place.

Carvalho also had a first-place finish in B15&U 100M Freestyle.

In the Boys 15 & Under 50M Freestyle, Gavin McAuley placed 1st, and Stefan Fernandes-Ribeiro 2nd. McAuley also placed 2nd in the 50M Breaststroke, Michael Newton was 4th, and Evan Mott, 7th.

The Relay team of Andreacchi, Prince, Carvalho and Mott placed 2nd in the Boys 15 & Under 200M Medley Relay - and the team of Carvalho, Fernandes-Ribeiro, Newton and McAuley was 1st in the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Holy Trinity Catholic High School's Jr. Boys' Dream Team' winning at the GBSSA Swim Regionals in Toronto on Dec. 8.

200M Freestyle Relay.

The wins put Holy Trinity in First Place in the Standings in 15 & Under Boys - sending Diego Carvalho, Stefan Fernandes-Ribeiro, Michael Newton and Gavin McAuley to the OFSAA all-Ontario swim meet being held March 8-9 in Windsor, Ontario.

The Girls 15 & Under 200 SC Meter Medley Relay saw the HTCHS team of Jamie White, Eden Markovski, Camryn Coburn and Sierra Ventreick finish in 7th place - and the team of Sabrina

Sequiers, Ventreick, Danica Laurel and White, 6th in 200M Freestyle Relay. Greta Williams placed 6th in 50M Butterfly.

And congratulations to Rhyllie-May Pickering who finished 3rd in Girls 50M Backstroke SWAD, and 4th in 50M Freestyle SWAD.

The G15&U team placed 6th overall; Girls 16-19 were in 9th place, and Boys 16-19 in 10th. Overall, the combined team scores put Holy Trinity Catholic High in 8th Place, out of 18 competing secondary schools.

BWG Minor Hockey results

BANTAM LOCAL LEAGUE Blue & Gold Tourney, Nov. 6-8

Nov. 6, Bradford #3 - 5, Richmond Hill Kings - 4. Single by Mason McCarty from Kyle MacLean and Gianmarco Ruccia; two goals each by Tyler Faramenta (1 unassisted, 1 from Colin Whitefield) and Whitefield (1 unassisted, 1 from Melissa Brinkos). Whitefield had the game-winner.

Bradford #3 - 3, French River - 3. Scoring by Gianmarco Ruccia (unassisted).

Tyler Faramenta from Shawn Bezama and Kaela McCutcheon; and Mason McCarty from Faramenta and Kyle MacLean.

Nov. 7, Bradford #3 - 3, Metcalfe Jets - 1. Scoring by Tyler Faramenta with a pair, on assists to Thomas Gist, Melissa Brinkos and Gianmarco Ruccia; and Kyle MacLean with the single, from Matthew Froio and Nicola Gaglio.

Nov. 8 Semi-Final, Rayside Tigers - 5, Bradford #3 - 0, in a hard-fought game.

Regular Season

Nov. 10, Bradford #2 - 5, Bradford #3 - 3. Bradford #3 goals by Tyler Faramenta from Mason McCarty; Breiden MacLean from Faramenta; and Gianmarco Ruccia from Nicola Gaglio.

Nov. 13, Innisfil Winterhawks

- 8, Bradford #3 - 1. Lone goal by Tyler Faramenta from Kyle MacLean.

Dec. 13, Leffroy Ice Breakers - 5, Bradford #3 - 2. Goals by Kyle MacLean from Melissa Brinkos, and Tyler Faramenta from MacLean.

MINOR BANTAM REP

Jan. 2, Bradford Minor Bantam Zvornar/Graphix/Betz Plus Mattress Store and more/Bianchi Auto Centre - 4, NobleKing - 2. Scoring by Chris Lotta, Thomas King, Cole Likas (unassisted) and Stuart Hleish, on assists from Jake Crane, William Bishop, Jackson Caruthers, Tashca, Tyler Munford and Noah Miranda. Awesome goalkeeping by Ryan Kieman.

Bantam #2 wins gold in Schomberg

Bradford's Bantam Local League #2 won Gold at the Schomberg Red & White Tourney, Jan. 2-3.

Game 1, Bradford #2 - 1, Innisfil #1 - 0. Winning goal by Colin Almeida, from Hunter Weiler and Ethan Pinto. Shutout to Mihael Moran.

Game 2, Bradford #2 - 6, Caledonia #2 - 1. Hunter Weiler with the

hattrick (2 unassisted), Kian Hemsomdagh with a pair, singles by Jackson Andrews, Matthew Moran (unassisted), Connor Huggert (unassisted), Assists to Cameron Slade, Bryden Molnar, Nick Petherick, Elin Pinto, Hemsomdagh, Colin Almeida. Great job in net by Ensing Walsh.

Game 3, Bradford #2 - 1,

Schomberg #1 - 1. Lone goal by Connor Huggert from Kian Hemsomdagh and Hunter Weiler.

Final, Bradford #2 - 4, Schomberg #2 - 2. Scoring by Jackson Andrews (unassisted), Bryden Molnar from Nick Petherick, Petherick from Hunter Weiler, and Weiler from Petherick, for the Gold!

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Community Listings

SAT., JAN. 9

ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SIMCOE COUNTY BRANCH MEETS: At 2 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 79 Ferris Lane in Barrie. Speaker Steve Small will talk about Land Registry Records. For info, see www.simcoeobogs.com

SUN., JAN. 10

MAYOR'S LEVEE: Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor and Council host a New Year's Levee that celebrates 25 years of Amalgamation, 1-4 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford. Cake-cutting at 2:30 p.m. Free family skate, 12-40 2:20 p.m.

TUES., JAN. 12

YORK-SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: At the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville SR, north of

Holland Landing), at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker, author Karen Stephenson, will talk about Winter Simcoe Foods. All welcome. Lug a mug.

SAT., JAN. 16

BRADFORD UNITED CHURCH HAM & SCALLOP DINNER: Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Ham, scalloped potatoes, veg. salad, bread or rolls, dessert, tea or coffee, juice, only \$16 for adults, \$8 for children. In advance by calling the church, 905-775-7268 or at the door. Take-out and delivery can be arranged, call the church prior to 3 p.m. on Jan. 15.

HOUSE CONCERT WITH ANGE NUSSEY: Innisfil Live Music Club presents Ange Nussey, singer/songwriter at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.), at 2208 - 26 Selkirk in Innisfil. \$20. To book, call 705-433-7382 or email ginnys49@hotmail.com

KILOWATT CLUB AT

SCANLON CREEK: Open House at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, 2450 - Line 9 BWG, at the Nature Centre, to introduce the Kilowatt Club, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn more about energy saving incentives, solar and wind power, reversing climate change and more. Free with park entry or annual pass. An initiative of the Friends of Scanlon Creek and Jim Maslin.

INNISFIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS: 2 p.m. at the Knock School Heritage Site, 10 SR and 9th Line of Innisfil. Guest speaker Wil Wiegman will talk about Lake Simcoe, with an emphasis on fish and fishing. All welcome.

SUN., JAN. 17

SOUP'S ON: A fundraiser at Wishing Well Restaurant, 2710 Line 10 of Bradford West Gwillimbury, 11:30 a.m. Enjoy an outdoor bonfire, and 3 samples of Vegan soup or a meat sized portion for \$5. Veggie dogs for \$5, hot chocolate, apple cider

and treats for \$3. At 2 p.m., meet the Sanctuary's animal family. Raising money for a new well.

MON., JAN. 18

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SHOW & TELL: The Tecumseh & Well Gwillimbury Historical Society hosts its first meeting of the New Year, at the Tec-We-Well Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, 7:30 p.m. Bring a family treasure or unique item to Show & Tell. Followed by refreshments. For more information, call 905-775-7144.

TUES., JAN. 19

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: At CHATS Community & Home Assistance To Seniors, 448 Holland St. West in Bradford, at 10 a.m. Support group for family and friends caring for a person with Alzheimer's or related dementias, to share challenges, successes and coping strategies in a safe place. For more info, call 705-722-1066.

Toy Drive tradition, for the CAS

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

Lawrence Helling, owner of Decorator's Edge Benjamin Moore Paints, and his brother Jeff Helling, now a Rotarian with the Innisfil Rotary Club, have maintained a Christmas tradition for the past decade.

Lawrence brings the brightly-painted crib once used by his daughter into his store at 284 Holland St. West - and he and Jeff invite the community to fill the crib with toys from the Children's Aid Society of Simcoe County.

On December 17, Doug Cochrane, Manager of the Simcoe Children's Aid Foundation, and staff from the local CAS office dropped by the store to pick up the donations, and thank the community.

"It is phenomenal. It is fantastic," Cochrane said, noting that both Lawrence and Jeff support the society and foundation not just at Christmas but year-round, with initiatives that

this year included a school backpack drive, to provide needed school supplies.

And the toys collected at the store, which ranged from infants' playthings to cosmetics and shaving gear for teens, filled two vans.

Cochrane noted that while Christmas is just one day, the joy provided by the gifts can last a lifetime. "Come Christmas morning, there's going to be a lot of families that are happy," he said, explaining that the society also provides Christmas hampers and grocery gift cards, to ensure families have a happy holiday.

"I didn't realize how many people are down and out at Christmas," said Jeff. Working with the CAS, collecting toys during the toy drive, and participating in the Innisfil Rotary Club's annual food drive, he's learned a lot about need in the community, and the generosity of residents, he said.



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From right, CAS Service Manager Tara Nazerali and Doug Cochrane. Simcoe Children's Aid Foundation Manager, accept an overflowing crib-full of toys from Decorator's Edge's Carolyn Brun. Jeff Helling and Lawrence Helling, as CAS staff looks on, in Bradford.

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A Music in Motion Christmas

JEANETTE MARTIN
MIMPA

Music in Motion has been busy this Christmas season. With an ever-growing number of students, the MIMPA kids dazzled audiences young and old with three events in one week.

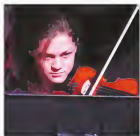
Saturday, Dec. 5 saw the Christmas Holiday Show at the Stephen Leacock Theatre in Keswick, featuring the award-winning Triple Threat Competition team, dance groups, and speed arts clubs. Students ranging in age from 3 to 17 performed a variety of old standards, including a medley from the Nutcracker Suite, and new innovations (A Soldier's Tribute).

On Dec. 10, several students

provided the seasonal entertainment at the Bond Head-Bradford Garden Club's Christmas Potluck dinner at the Danube Centre, delighting young and old.

And on the weekend of Dec. 12-13, over 100 MIMPA students performed five recitals, featuring private students of voice, piano, violin, flute, and speech arts. Family and friends took a break from the hustle and bustle of Christmas, to laugh and reflect on the season's meaning.

Candlelight, tablecloths and home-baked goodies provided a warm and peaceful ambience – and under the on-stage Christmas tree were stacked 95 new toys, and 50 pairs of new mittens, provided by the students and their



JAMES MARTIN PHOTO

Danu, on the violin - at the MIMPA Christmas Recital in Bradford this December.

families, to be distributed to children in need by the Salvation Army.

MIMPA wishes all of Bradford and the surrounding area a Merry Christmas – and invites residents



JAMES MARTIN PHOTO

Maya sings, at the MIMPA Christmas Recital in Bradford this December.

to a 2016 production, starting in January with Peter Pan (Jr. cast), and Into the Woods (Sr. cast). For more information or to register call 905-778-0440 or email musicinmotion@sympatico.ca.

Youth Music Festival in Bradford

There are plans to hold a York-Simcoe Youth Music Festival this May, at the Bradford Community Centre. It will be a unique opportunity for new bands to perform on a fully-set-up professional stage, with professional sound and a lighting engineer. The goal is to provide a venue for 10 to 15 youth bands to perform in front of an audience of friends, family and fellow-musicians of all skill levels, from noon to 6 p.m. at this event.

Anyone interested in performing at the York-Simcoe Youth Music Festival, sponsoring or volunteering, is asked to contact Chris McLennan at chris@onecditgroup.ca.

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Obituaries **Obituaries**

MELBOURNE, Ruth - Peacefully passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Sunday, January 3, 2016. Ruth Melbourne (née Thompson) formerly of Bradford, Sharon and Holland Landing at 87 years of age. Beloved wife of the late Carl Loving mother of Bonnie (Joie) Haas, Carol (late Greg) Parker and Debbie (Chris) Bergin. Proud grandma of Jessica (Ryan), Allison (Victor), David (Linda), Anne (Bret) and Sean (Sarah). Cherished great-grandma "GG" of Calem and Jack. Dear sister of Shirley (late Harry) Coates, Bud (Lewin) Thompson and Fred (Evelyn) Thompson. Ruth will also be fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Friends may call at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for visitation on Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 10 a.m. until the time of a funeral service at 11 a.m. Internment Bond Head Cemetery in Rutli's memory, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Look back at 2015, continued

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

April

Fire raged through 27 John St. East in the early morning hours of April 6. The blaze started in the attic of the century home, which had been converted into apartments – and took firefighters from three fire departments 3 hours to bring under control. There were no injuries, but the 9 tenants – including a couple that had resided in the building for over 40 years – were left homeless. Trust Funds set up at TD Canada Trust and RBC raised thousands for the residents, and the community responded by donating everything from clothing, to furnishings and toys.

Silani Sweet Cheese Ltd. was fined \$80,000, plus a \$20,000 “victim surcharge” for failing to notify the Ministry of the Environment of a 1,200 litre spill of ricotta cheese whey into a neighbouring field nearly 2 years earlier, and for breaching the conditions of its Amended Certificate of Approval, for onsite sewage treatment. The company had failed to meet Total Phosphorus concentration limits in March 2012 – and only reported the problem in March 2013. Silani pleaded guilty.

The Community Clean-up Day in BWG uncovered a surprise: A grenade, with pin in place, was found on a walking trail near the BWG Leisure Centre. Police later said that the grenade, which was placed in a hopper, removed from the scene and detonated in a gravel pit near Mount Albert, was not live.

New businesses – Mutsi Lou Children’s Clothing, Dolce Decor Blinds, Shutter and More; Bradford GoodLife Fitness Centre – held grand openings, and long-time business Bradford Rental Sales & Service celebrated 40 years in business.

May

The Marsh Mash Canoe and Kayak races took place on the “new canal” – the dredged and relocated as part of ongoing Holland Marsh Drainage Scheme improvements. But continuing construction prevented organizers from realizing their dream, of a Mash that would encircle the Marsh. Instead, the approximately 100 paddlers were

sent on routes that incorporated a paddle up Fraser Creek, with a warning to stay in the middle of the route, to avoid snags. The 37th annual Marsh Mash is sanctioned by OMCRA – the fourth longest-running marathon paddle in Ontario.

A public Information Centre was held for residents of Green Valley, presenting details of the long-planned reconstruction of Simcoe Road. Dozens of residents turned out to check the picture boards and ask questions of the engineers. Simcoe will be reconstructed as a two-lane urban road, with sidewalks, curbs and a multi-use pathway on the east side, and streetlighting. The only disappointment: Construction won’t begin until 2016.

The new BWG Council took steps to update the operation of the Municipality – adopting an Information Technology Master Plan that would see the expansion of IT with a new Manager position, and approving the reorganization of the Town’s Departments. It would be under a newly created Corporate Services Dept., that also includes Legislative Services; Development and Infrastructure includes Engineering, Infrastructure, Planning & Development and Capital Projects; and Community Services includes everything from Asset Management to Operations for Public Works, Transportation, Water and Wastewater, and Leisure Services.

Bradford Family Dentistry held its annual “Dentistry from the Heart” program on May 29 – a day of free basic dental services, for those otherwise unable to afford a trip to the dentist. Dr. Jesse Chai and his team saw 130 patients, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., giving away \$33,942 in basic cleanings, fillings and extractions.

June

On June 1, the South Simcoe Police Service swore in new Deputy Chief of Police Andrew Fletcher, at a special ceremony, held at the Innisfil Town Hall.

Councillor Peter Ferragine asked for a report from staff, on June 2, to address a growing issue in Bradford West Gwillimbury: the dumping of unwanted items at clothing donation bins. “Donation bins around Town have become big garbage piles,” Ferragine told Coun-

cil, with everything from broken chairs to used mattresses being left. The Town received 62 complaints of dumping in the first 6 months of 2015, and 20 charges were laid. On August 18, Council voted to pass a new by-law to licence and regulate the donation bins.

The Town signed a deal with K9 Pest Management Group to provide animal control in the municipality – ending a deal with the town of Vaughan, that forced residents to travel long distances to pick up a missing pooch or kitty. The new agreement provides Animal Control services 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., plus 24/7 emergency response, roadside removal, a pound located in New Tecumseth south of Alliston – “a lot closer and a much easier drive” than the trip to Vaughan, noted Manager of Enforcement Jon Popple – and a toll-free number, 1-855-898-8605. The new agreement kicked in on June 15.

After two decades of helping to build a “Caring Community,” Bradford West Gwillimbury’s Good Neighbours Campaign wound up, with a ceremony at the BWG Library on June 19. The Good Neighbours Campaign was initially launched by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration’s Seniors Secretariat, to create a “network of caring” to assist the frail, elderly and housebound – but it turned into much more. In BWG. For years after the Ontario ministry ended its support, the BWG Good Neighbours continued, assisting at the Helping Hand Food Bank, lending a hand at special events, and presenting awards to the Town’s “Good Neighbours,” as nominated by the community.

On June 26, the Pan Am Games Torch Relay came to Bradford, for a Community Celebration and torch-lighting ceremony. Local torch-bearers included young leaders and athletes Ashley Guay, Christopher Lotto, Anton and Teodor Mlynarczyk, Samantha Diebert, and Cystic Fibrosis Advocate Madi Vanstone. The celebration included music, speeches and the excitement of the Pan Am Games.

Also on June 26 – MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro celebrated 20 years in politics.



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Firefighters work from a tower unit to try and tame a fire Monday, April 6, 2015, at 27 John St. E. in Bradford.



PATRICK DALES/BRADFORD TIMES

Not all the items found during the community clean-up in Bradford Saturday, April 11, 2015 were as exciting as a grenade. Mayor Bob Keffler of Bradford West Gwillimbury, second from the left, joins from left to right, with Colby Malsine, Karan Musty and Mackenzie Lowden in cleaning up on Holland Street West.



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Pan Am Games Torch-Bearer, Teo Mlynarczyk lights the flame at the Community Celebration in Bradford on Friday, June 26, 2015.



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Despite the efforts of the town, the burned-out shell at 27 John St. East still has not been demolished. The fire displaced nine people.

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Police Briefs

Impaired

On Dec. 28 around 1:30 p.m., South Simcoe Police received numerous reports from citizens of a possible impaired driver, travelling on Yonge St. in BWG. Officers caught up to the vehicle in the vicinity of Hwy. 400 and 89 in Innisfil, and arrested the male driver. The man, a 33 year old Barrie resident, was taken to the police station for breath tests, which registered a Blood Alcohol Concentration of 4 times the legal limit. He was charged with Impaired Driving/Over .080, received a 90 day automatic driver's licence suspension, and had his vehicle impounded for 7 days. Police thank the public for their calls in apprehending this impaired driver.

Domestic Assault

Innisfil - On Dec. 30, just before 11:30 a.m. South Simcoe Police were called to a home in Alcona, for a report of an assault. A woman told police that her husband had poured hot chocolate on her and slammed her head into a wall, then fled before officers arrived. The suspect was located in his vehicle in the Bradford area, and arrested. The woman was transported to hospital where she was treated for minor injuries and released. The 24 year old Innisfil man was charged with 3 counts of assault and one of Mischief, and released on conditions to stay away from the victim and reside at a different address. Court date in January.

Theft of Hoverboard

Bradford - On Dec. 26 at 9:37 p.m., 3 Youths were out for a walk with a "smart board" hoverboard, in the area of Holland St. West and West Park Drive, near Tim Hortons, when they were approached by a black Mercedes. The rear passenger door opened, and a suspect got out, approaching the youth who was on the hoverboard. The suspect asked to see the board and offered to buy it. The victim told the man the board was not for sale. A second male stepped out of the Mercedes and there was a physical altercation with the victim, at which time the board was stolen. The vehicle fled the area westbound on Holland St. Suspect #1 is described as male, black, 18-19 years of age, approx. 5'10" tall, thin build, short black hair with "little knots" wearing a black leather jacket and black jeans. Suspect #2 (driver) is described as male, black, 18-19 years, approx. 5'10", thin build, buzz cut, black jacket and black pants. Also in the vehicle were a black male with a shaved head, sitting in the back seat, and a black woman in the front passenger seat. The vehicle is a black 4-door Mercedes with black rims and tinted windows, last two digits of the licence plate are "50"; letters include "S" and "H". Anyone with information, or observed the incident is asked to contact South Simcoe Police or Crime-Stoppers.



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